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Mr. Merritt L. Ball
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Dear Mr. Ball:

I am sorry to be long in answering your request, which was forwarded to me from the Society of Fellows. I am enclosing a preliminary draft (from the point of view of publication) of my first lecture, "The Theory and Practice of Blackmail." Although I expect eventually to publish the lectures as a book, I have not had time to put them in final form, nor do I have copies of the remaining lectures.

If you are interested in references to similar material, I would suggest Thomas Schelling's, "The Strategy of Conflict," parts of which had great influence upon my own work.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure (As noted)